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SUBJECT: SYDNEY TRADE CENTER

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- 1. FOR THE RECORD I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL BY AMBASSADOR ALSTON. AS YOU ARE AWARE WE HERE IN NEW ZEALAND HAVE BEEN TRYING IN RECENT MONTHS TO STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM. WE HAD HOPED THE SYDNEY TRADE CENTER WOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS EFFORT. NOW IT APPEARS THE CENTER IS TO BE CLOSED AND WE WILL LOSE A MOST USEFUL RESOURCE.
- 2. MY GENERAL VIEWS ON THE VALUE OF THE TRADE CENTER HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPRESSED IN PERSONAL LETTERS (MARCH 11) TO SECRETARY KREPS AND UNDER-SECRETARY HABIB. NOW IF INDEED THE CENTER IS TO BE CLOSED, I, LIKE AMBASSADOR ALSTON, WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE BOTH OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION AND A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR THIS ACTION. ONLY WITH SUCH INFORMATION CAN WE EFFECTIVELY EXPLAIN THE LOSS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THIS USEFUL FACILITY TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HERE. SELDEN

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